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AMENDMENT

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09/941,500

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TITLE: INTERCONNECTING DISENGAGEABLE FLOORING SYSTEM

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

	Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established.	RECE
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<u>X</u>	Any additional extension and/or fees may to Deposit Account No. 01-2221.	be charged
	No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown belo	ow:

EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments)-If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is require to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

NOTE:

(complete (A) or (B) as applicable)

A. ____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension	Fee for other than	Fee for
(Months)	<u>small entity</u>	small entity
 one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
 two months	390.00	195.00
 three months	930.00	465.00
 four months	1,470.00	735.00

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If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)				
 An extension for months has already been so fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the for the total months of extension now requested.				
Extension fee due with this request	\$			

OR

- X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. В. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
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INDEP	* 4	MINUS	*** 4		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP CLAIM					

	RATE	ADDIT FEE
	x\$ 9=	\$
	x\$ 42=	\$
	x\$140=	\$
TOTAL		\$

RATE	ADDIT FEE
x\$ 18=	\$ 18
x\$ 84=	\$
x\$280=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 18

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action of November 19, 2003, kindly amend the above referenced application as follows:

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